



Abbott

Memorial Presbyterian Church

March 23 , 2025

Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 26. How does Christ execute the office of a king?

A. Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

To those joining us in person and online today...THANK YOU!

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, Abbott Church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Para todos los que están espiritualmente agotados y anhelan descanso; para todos los que buscan consuelo; para todos los que luchan batallas y desean victoria; para todos los que pecan y necesitan un Salvador; para todos los que son extraños y quieren comunidad; para todos los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia; y para todos los que quieren venir, la Iglesia Abbott abre ampliamente sus puertas y les ofrece bienvenida en el Nombre de nuestro Rey Jesús Cristo.

HOW CAN I SERVE THE LORD AT ABBOTT?

Prayerfully consider where you can serve the Lord here at Abbott.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex to serve on a specific Sunday(s). We will begin posting the next week’s servers in the bulletin and weekly emails. These are important ways to serve our Lord and the body here. Questions? Please contact Debbie or Pastor Chris.

- **Special Prayer Team** (*pray with individuals right after the service*)
- **Preparing Communion** (*prepare trays before the service*)
- **Greeter** (*greet individuals in the narthex before the service*)
- **Sunday School Assistant** (*for children - helpers and assistants in training*)

We Care Bags- Please consider purchasing some of the items listed below and place in the We Care Box in the foyer to serve those need in our community. Canned food items w/ pop top opener, peanut butter, ramen noodles in a cup, granola bars, tooth brush and paste, bar of soap, hand sanitizer, winter hat, socks, gloves. You can leave items in the kitchen or in the box in narthex.

Driver to help pick up grad students in the Harbor East-Fells Point area. If you can help with picking up students in this area of the city for worship around 10:15 AM on Sunday mornings please contact Pastor Chris. We are trying to serve this area where many international students live.

Salaam Center Tutoring Needs: Our ministry partners a block away from Abbott have a tutoring program twice a month on Saturdays fro 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (next date is 1/27) and are in need of tutors and transportation helpers as they minister to recent refugees from the Middle East. If you are interesting in serving, please contact Yoonah by email at volunteersalaam@gmail.com.

The tear-off portion of the bulletin can be put in the offering plate with prayer request to let us know how we may serve you, or just to let us that you were here.

GREETING AND GOD'S WELCOME

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR THE LORD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand if you are able)* Psalm 48:1-5, 9-14

Leader: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

People: His holy mountain, ² beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Leader: ³ Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.
⁴ For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together.
⁵ As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic; they took to flight.

People: ⁹ We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. ¹⁰ As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Leader: ¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Together: ¹² Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, ¹³ consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation ¹⁴ that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

SONG OF PRAISE

All Creatures of our God and King

SONG OF PRAISE

No One Like Our God

PRAYERS OF PRAISE AND THANKS

SONG OF PRAISE

Great Are You Lord

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING

The offering is a way for members and friends of Abbott Church to support the church's mission and ministry. If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

5 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and flesh. ² In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, 'You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.'" ³ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴ David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵ At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

⁶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who said to David, "You will not come in here, but the blind and the lame will ward you off"—thinking, "David cannot come in here." ⁷ Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. ⁸ And David said on that day, "Whoever would strike the Jebusites, let him get up the water shaft to attack 'the lame and the blind,' who are hated by David's soul." Therefore it is said, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house." ⁹ And David lived in the stronghold and called it the city of David. And David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰ And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

¹¹ And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, also carpenters and masons who built David a house. ¹² And David knew that the Lord had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel.

¹³ And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to David.

¹⁴ And these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, ¹⁵ Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, ¹⁶ Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

A Servant King by Grace

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion, also called the Lord's Supper, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the church.

CONFESSION OF SIN (Together):*Psalm 38:15, 17, 18, 21, 22*

¹⁵ "But for you, O Lord, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. ¹⁷ For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. ¹⁸ I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. ²¹ Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! ²² Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!
(Silently confess your sins.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*Romans 8:1, 2*

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

INVITATION TO THE TABLE**DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS****SONG OF RESPONSE***God of This City***BENEDICTION**

Those who desire special prayer may come to the front left of the chapel after the service.

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death, in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life. Amen.

Prayer of commitment to God's people

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the steps necessary to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of thanksgiving

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son. How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Giving Envelopes are on the table in the Narthex for weekly tithes and offering; deacons offering is on the first Sunday of each month.

Online giving through Fluid Pay: You can set up recurring or one-time gifts to Abbott at abbottchurch.org/giving and designate your gift for the General Fund, Deacons Fund, or Ministry Renewal (especially raising money for a Youth Minister).

SUNDAY:

SPECIAL EVENTS:

TODAY: Women's Fellowship Luncheon following the worship service in Room 8.

March 29th (Saturday): Abbott Discovery Class, 9:30 AM -11:30 a.m. in Room 8. Any recent members who have not gone to a discovery class and any interested in hearing about who we are at Abbott, please join us.

May 2nd/3rd (Friday/Saturday): A Praying Life Conference has been confirmed. We will need help with putting this conference on. Stay tuned for ways you can serve. Various jobs: door greeters, registration and book table, set up and tear down for refreshments, continental breakfast on Saturday morning. More information and online registration: <https://shorturl.at/aaOV3>. If you do not have online access, see Pastor Chris or Debbie Halterman.

SUNDAY:

Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Women's Bible Class at 9:45 a.m. in Room 7.

Sunday school pre-school & youth through grade 6 in Room 8 with Ann Pfeifer.

Fellowship Luncheon - The 1st Sunday of every month in room 8, following the worship service. Entrees, side dishes, and desserts are welcome but not necessary. The next luncheon is on April 6th.

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TUESDAY:

Neighborhood Bible Study & Pizza - at noon in the Eastern Avenue library with friends we have gotten to know.

Open Session Meeting - The 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm in Room 8. The next meeting is on April 8th. Come share your ideas as we seek to grow as a church.

WEDNESDAY:

Zoom Noonday Prayer, 12:00-12:30 p.m. A link to the meeting is in the weekly email from Pastor Chris, or email julius@abbottchurch.org for a link or to submit prayer requests. Join in at any time during the half hour.

Youth For Christ East Baltimore at 6:30 p.m. in the gym and Room 8. Miseker and Mikala Wingate are on staff and are wonderful servants of Christ. If you are interested in being a volunteer to help them serve the Youth here in East Baltimore, contact Miseker at 443-949-4129.

THURSDAY:

Bible Study at 11:30 in Room 8. We are looking at the Gospel running through the book of Genesis in a series called The Promised One.

Community Group at Abbott at 6:30 p.m. in the yard or in Room 8. Join us for food, fellowship, and a Discovery Bible study and prayer.

FRIDAY:

AA Meetings - 7pm in rooms 7&8, led by Jim Younger, lasting one hour.

SATURDAY:

Basketball in the Abbott Gym - April 5th (every other Saturday) at 1:30 pm; join in for some hoops. Some friends from Redemption City Church will join us. Spread the word, this is fun and a great connection.

HE HEARS

"This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." — 1 JOHN 5:14

Please pray for:

- Pastor Chris and the church, for God to show us how to draw visitors and seekers to Abbott.
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ.
- Ongoing health concerns for these members and friends: Larry Halterman, Phyllis Brown, Billie Mitchell, David Files, Lorraine Sapp, Violet Flynn.
- Barb Huhn for a good report from her oncologist on March 20th, and for her strength to return.
- Lawrence Choate for comfort and healing of his heart failure, relief from pain, and wisdom for the doctors who are treating him.
- Joann Choate, battling stage 4 cancer; for scans to continue being negative for cancer.
- Cleo Garriott (Pastor Chris' mother) and her husband, Charles, as he tends to her caregiving.
- Anadia Bonnick, for increased strength following her completion of out-patient treatments.
- Ben Flynn (Jerel's 6-year-old grandson) and family. Praise the Lord that Ben is in remission! Continue to pray for Ben, as he will have about two more years of treatments.
- Dave Karczmarek, for complete healing and strength as he continues physical therapy.
- Walter Karczmarek, in Johns Hopkins Hospital after a fall.

Please pray for *(continued)*:

- Phyllis Brown (Tracey's mother) is home from the hospital. Pray for strength, healing and relief from pain.
- Charles Brown (Tracey's father) in Hopkins Bayview Hospital after a fall; pray for doctors' wisdom and good test results.
- Dawn Brewer with knee and back pain, and cellulitis.
- Kathy Williams (Guy Williams' wife) with liver disease.
- Lydia Frasca with pain from stage 4 cancer, and Dave as he cares for her.
- Bible Study Group on Tuesdays at the library on Eastern Avenue with neighborhood friends we have met over the past several months. Praise the Lord the this group continues to grow.
- Men's Bible Study small group at Jacob Files' house in the Dundalk neighborhood.
- Latino neighbors and the house church ministry of Bill and Aida Medina.
- Peace in the Middle East.
- Missionaries that we support, listed below.
- Those in our military, police, and fire departments.
- Leaders in our community, City, State, and Nation.

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WE SUPPORT:

- Andy and Bev Warren with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia
- Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
- Br^ce & P@t with MTW in Europe
- Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
- Trip Beans with RUF at University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Ryan Bratt with RUF at University of Maryland College Park
- Abbott Center for the Arts

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We're glad we worshiped
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NAME(S)

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out about how
to become a Christian
- I am interested in membership
(Abbott schedules classes regularly)
- I would like a call from the pastor
- I would like prayer
- I would like to join a
community group
- My contact information has changed

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